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118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To authorize appropriations for occupational education and training programs  
of the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. CLEAVER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Work Oppor-  
5       tunities in Correctional Facilities Act of 2023”.

6       **SEC. 2. EXPANDED WORK PROGRAMS.**

7       (a) OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
2           appropriated to the Bureau of Prisons \$210,000,000  
3           for fiscal years 2024 through 2029 for occupational  
4           education and training programs.

5           (2) REPORTS.—Beginning on the date that is 2  
6           years after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
7           Director of the Bureau of Prisons shall submit to  
8           the Attorney General public annual reports, pro-  
9           duced by the Program Review Division of the Bu-  
10          reau of Prisons, an independent governmental or  
11          nongovernmental agency, or a private auditor,  
12          that—

13                 (A) includes a list of the programs that re-  
14                 ceive the funds appropriated under paragraph  
15                 (1); and

16                 (B) analyzes the efficacy of the programs  
17                 described in subparagraph (A) in providing in-  
18                 carcerated workers with valuable job skills, im-  
19                 proving their quality of life, and increasing  
20                 their job prospects upon release.

21          (b) PRISON WORK PILOT PROJECTS.—Section  
22          1761(c)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is amended  
23          by striking “50” and inserting “100”.

24          (c) VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS.—

1           (1) OMNIBUS CRIME CONTROL AND SAFE  
2           STREETS ACT OF 1968.—The Omnibus Crime Con-  
3           trol and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10101  
4           et seq.) is amended—

5                   (A) in section 1001(a) (34 U.S.C.  
6                   10261(a)), by striking paragraph (28) and in-  
7                   serting the following:

8                   “(28) There are authorized to be appropriated  
9                   to carry out section 3041(a)(4) of part NN  
10                  \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through  
11                  2029.”; and

12                  (B) in section 2976(o) (34 U.S.C.  
13                  10631(o)), by striking paragraph (1) and in-  
14                  serting the following:

15                  “(1) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this section,  
16                  there are authorized to be appropriated \$70,000,000  
17                  for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2029.”.

18           (2) CAREERS TRAINING AND DEMONSTRATION  
19           GRANTS.—Section 115 of the Second Chance Act of  
20           2007 (34 U.S.C. 60511) is amended by striking sub-  
21           section (f) and inserting the following:

22           “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
23           are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
24           \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2029.”.